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REPORT FROM "IDE" ON SOME UNOFFICIAL
STATEMENTS BY "HEN HARRIER".

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To VIKTOR[1].

IDE [Yaz'] [ii] advises that at a press-conference on 17th August HEN HARRIER [LUN'] [iii] made a number of statements off the record. Emphasising the necessity of the great powers taking part with the small ones in the work of establishing a lasting peace HEN HARRIER roundly condemned various [C. groups] which are striving to isolate the USSR and refuse to allow it to take part in international affairs. "What you think about the Russians' temperament, customs and manners should play no part in these questions. We have to solve international problems. In the same way the Russians' opinion of us should play no part [in it] [a]. The methods and system of the USSR may be shocking in questions of its internal policy, however if you try to oust the USSR from the international arena, it will lead to serious consequences." Pointing out the essentialness of patience in deciding important international problems H. [L.] [iv] prophesied that great difficulties would arise at the forthcoming conferences. "These difficulties, however, can be overcome if superhuman efforts are applied. The Russians' position is one of the imponderables

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in these questions. The Russians must be included in the family of nations without regard to the repulsion which is felt towards individual Russian internal questions."

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MAJ [MLJ][v]

T.N.: [a] Inserted by the translator.

Comments: [i] VIKTOR: probably Lt.-General P.M. FISH.

[ii] YaZ': Simon Samuel KRAFSUR.

[iii] LUN': Cordell HULL.

[iv] L.: i.e. LUN'.

[v] MAJ: Pavel Ivanovich PEDOSIMOV.
